

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 161

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joe Dawson on receiving the 2009 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Joe Dawson, recipient of the 2009 Community Leadership Award, conferred upon him by Leadership Blount for his many contributions to the public weal; and

WHEREAS, the Community Leadership Award honors those persons who have demonstrated their commitment to leadership in Blount County by helping to develop future leaders and serving their community in numerous leadership roles, all of which must be devoted to promoting community development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson has served as the Administrator of Blount Memorial Hospital since 1985; through Mr. Dawson's leadership, the hospital has greatly expanded the range of services it provides, and the facility has grown accordingly, allowing Blount Memorial to offer more to a larger patient population; and

WHEREAS, Blount Memorial Hospital has been involved in several critical community issues, including environmental health, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, today, the hospital that Mr. Dawson oversees is a truly integral component of the local community; and

WHEREAS, outside of his life as a hospital administrator, Joe Dawson has devoted his considerable leadership abilities to a number of causes and organizations; he has lent his time and talents to Maryville College, United Way of Blount County, the Blount County Children's Home, the Heritage Foundation, the East Tennessee Foundation, and the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was also a member of the inaugural Leadership Blount class in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dawson enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Sue, and their two children, David Dawson and Caroline Dawson; and

WHEREAS, considered by all who know him to be an exceptionally caring and compassionate man, Mr. Dawson is a person worthy of emulation and a credit to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joe Dawson on receiving the 2009 Community Leadership Award from Leadership Blount, thank him for his tireless service to the people of Blount County and the State, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.